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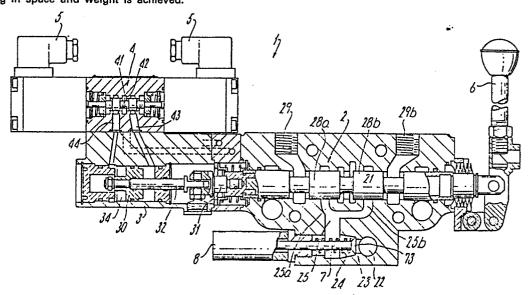
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(54) Hydraulic valve.

(7) In a pilot-operated hydraulic valve, a non-return valve in the valve inlet (25) is arranged to operate simultaneously as a variable-orifice flow sensor. By combining the nonreturn and flow-sensing functions in the non-return valve (7) a significant saving in space and weight is achieved.





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